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Doug Bosco, Chairman of the Board  
Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612  
Attn: Maxene Spellman

Dear Chairman Bosco;

The City of Petaluma wishes to express support for the proposed treatment of invasive *Spartina* recently found in the Petaluma River. We understand that the core of the small infestation is at, and in the vicinity of, the City's Shollenberger Park. The City recognizes that if left untreated, invasive *Spartina* and hybrids will quickly spread to cover and degrade the sensitive marshes and sloughs associated with the Petaluma River.

In this regard, the City, in partnership with the Coastal Conservancy and Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District, is nearing completion of the restoration of the Petaluma Marsh located adjacent and south of Shollenberger Park. The project also involves waste water treatment and the creation of polishing wetlands to enhance benefits to wildlife. The citizens of Petaluma, therefore, have an enormous investment in assuring that the popular Shollenberger Park and the newly restored marsh are protected from the consequences of the spread of the invasive *Spartina*.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposed project to provide funds for treatment of the invasive *Spartina* in the Petaluma River. The City of Petaluma strongly supports your approval.

Sincerely,

Pamela Torliatt, Mayor  
City of Petaluma

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